By the King.

A Proclamation for reſtraint of the transportation of Corne.

THE Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie, taking into his gracious and princely conſideration, that by reaſon of the cold and vnſeaſonable weather, which hath beene of late, ſpecially this ſummer time, the fruits of the earth, and chiefly corne and graine, are not either for plenty or goodneſſe anſwerable to former yeeres, and that the price thereof is already much raiſed in many parts of this Realme, and that in former yeeres there hath beene a free tranſportation thereof without reſtraint (his Highneſſe inclining thereto, for the comfort and incouragement of the Farmor in thoſe times of plentie) ſo as neither the increaſe of the preſent yeere, nor the old ſtore remayning, can affoord that liberty of exporting, without danger of dearth and ſcarcity ſpeedily to enſue: And therefore his Maieſtie prudently foreſeeing ſo generall an inconuenience, and deſiring timely to preuent and eſchew the ſame, hath vpon mature deliberation and aduiſement, found it expedient, to make ſtay of all tranſportation of corne & graine, vntill vpon conſideration of the ſtore and increaſe thereof in all parts of this Realme, His Highneſſe may receiue more aſſured and certaine hope that there will be ſufficient for the ſuſtentation of this kingdome and countrey, with an ouerplus fit to be carried into forraigne parts. And therefore his Maieſtie doth hereby expreſly prohibite and forbid all maner of perſons whatſoeuer, That they, or any of them, doe not from henceforth, vntill his Maieſties pleaſure ſhall be declared to the contrary, by any wayes or meanes, directly or indirectly attempt or preſume to carrie, conuey or tranſport, or cauſe to be carried, conueyed or tranſported, nor doe ſhippe or lade, or cauſe to bee ſhipped or laded to the intent to be carried, conueyed, or tranſported out of this Realme of England, or the Dominions of Wales, or either of them, or out of any port, hauen, creeke, or place of lading or vnlading within them, or either of them, Any corne or graine of what kind or ſort ſoeuer, vpon paine of his Highneſſe heauie indignation and diſpleaſure, and ſuch paines and penalties as may be inflicted vpon the contemners of his Royall commandement. And likewiſe his Maieſtie doeth by theſe preſents ſtraitly charge and command all Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Searchers, Surueyors, and other Officers of all and ſingular ports, hauens, and other places of lading, that they doe not onely forbeare to permit or ſuffer any entries to be made, or to giue any warrant for tranſportation of any corne or graine into any the parts beyond the ſeas, but alſo to be watchfull to preuent all ſleights, practiſes, and deuices that ſhall or may be practized, attempted, or put in vre, to the defrauding of the due performance of this his Maieſties Proclamation, as they and euery of them will anſwere the contrary at their perils.

Giuen at Our Court of Theobalds, the ſixteenth day of September, in the nineteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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